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The United States Department of Health and Human Services, acting through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has announced the availability of federal fiscal year 2004 funds for the Secretary's Prevention Initiative for Americans, entitled "Steps to a HealthierUS" (STEPS). A total of \$10,500,000 will be distributed nationwide.

The County Department of Health Services prepared and submitted an application for STEPS last year to provide community programs in communities in South and Southeast Los Angeles, targeting chronic disease, specifically obesity, diabetes and asthma. The application was approved, but not funded.

The Department has revised its previous application and is prepared to submit a proposal for a STEPS grant which would serve the communities of Compton, Florence, Willowbrook, South Los Angeles and Watts. The target area must serve a contiguous area of no more than 500,000 persons and there can be only one application per jurisdiction. This area was chosen based on the disease burdens of diabetes, obesity,

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and asthma, as well as available community resources to ensure success.

The program guidance requires a transmittal letter from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the application is due June 21, 2004.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the attached transmittal letter for the STEPS application from Los Angeles County.

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